Supply of fuel and sleepers to the Tramway Department.

204. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the system of check in vogue whereby fuel and sleepers supplied to the Tramway Department are checked ;

(2) who is the officer in the Tramway Department that takes charge of these and who the officer in the Forest Department that hands over charge of these ;

(3) what is the total quantity of sleepers delivered by the Forest in 1103 according to the Forest Department accounts and what is the total quantity billed for by the Tramway Department and money drawn from the Treasury ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) *Fuel.*—The fuel collected by the contractor is got transported by train and stacked at Chalakkudi Loco Yard in section 1 and at the fuel sheds and other suitable places in sections 2 and 3. The stacks put up up at Chalakkudi are measured by the Foreman in the presence of the Engineer and one of the Forest Department officers and then recorded in the measurement book. The stacks put up in the 2nd and 3rd sections are measured by the Brake and Loco Inspector in the presence of a Forest Officer and the measurements recorded in the measurement book. All these measurements are check-measured by the Tramway Engineer and then a receipt granted to the Forest Department after which the fuel in each of the sections is brought to books and issues made.

Sleepers.—Sleepers are collected by the Forest Department contractor at the localities they are required. They are counted by one of the Forest Department subordinates at the site of passing in the presence of the Engineer who will pass them and stamp each sleeper passed. A receipt is granted to the Forest Department for the total number of sleepers passed, after which the sleepers are brought into accounts and distributions made for renewals through the P. W. Inspector. The renewals effceted at each mileage is recorded.

(2) Vide answer to question No. (1).

(3) 9,120 sleepers at a cost of Rs. 8,699—11—1.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The answer to sub-division (3) of my question is not clear, Sir. What I want to know is what is the total quantity of sleepers supplied by the Forest Department and what is the quantity billed by the Tramway Department. It is not the cost that I asked.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—9,120 sleepers were billed for by the Tramway Department, the same number of sleepers were

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given by the Forest Department and the same were taken charge of by the Tramway Department.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—So what I am to understand is that the same quantity was billed for and the same quantity was supplied also ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Appointment of the Division Inspector.

205. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it is a fact that the Government is intending to appoint the Prosecuting Inspector Mr. Pascal in the place of the retiring Inspector of Police, Mr. C. K. Narayanaswami Pillai ;

(2) if the answer to No. (1) is in the affirmative, what are the grounds for passing over the claims of the Inspectors who are specially trained for executive work at Government expenses ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Mr. Pascal has already been appointed s. p. t. Division Inspector in the place of Mr. C. K. Narayanswami Pillai.

(2) Their claims have not been passed over.

206. **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) when does the term of service of Police Inspector Mr. C. K. Narayanaswami Pillai expire ;

(d) did he apply for an extension ;

(c) if the answer for (b) is in the affirmative, was it not granted ;

(2) does not the Government intend appointing one of the Vellore-trained Inspectors to the vacancy that will occur in the Division by the retirement of Mr. Narayanaswami Pillai ;

(3) if the answer to (2) is in the negative, what are the reasons for disregarding those who were specially trained at Government cost ;

(4) how long have the two Probationary Police Inspectors been on practical training in Division work ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) (a On 11th Vrischigam 1104.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(2) and (3). Vide the answer to question No. 205.

(4) One year and 2 months.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is said that he applied for an extension. Did he mention any specific reason in the application for the extension ?

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